

I am a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst who works in public schools supporting ABA programs in Middlesex County. Every day, I see the very people that the bill suggests should run an ABA program either doing or teaching others some ignorant, unethical, and even dangerous things due to not understanding the principles behind behavior analysis. In addition, the reason that I am hired is because the principal of the school recognizes these things and wants to get better training and support for these staff members- because they, themselves, are not capable of re-training their staff in a skill set they do not have.

A ABA program must be based on the principles of behavior analysis! These are NOT skills not to other professionals in this country. Just as I would not mentor a surgical resident in a hospital because I do not have the skills, it is unethical to allow teachers, OT, PT, SLP to run programs that they are not qualified to run.

Thank you for your time.

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